Another Testament of Jesus Christ?

In these last days, many false doctrines and false teachers have sprung forth to deceive the masses of the truth of God's word. One of the more popular deceptions that many have been deceived by is that of the Mormon faith, which proclaims that there is *"another Testament of the Lord Jesus Christ."*

The book of Mormon is held by Mormons to be holy scripture comparable to the Bible. Now, as it is written:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

(1 John 4:1)

Thus, if it is so that the book of Mormon is holy scripture, then it must be tried by the word of God to see if it is truly of God.

It is written:

Hebrews 9:16-23

"16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these."

The Old (first) Testament was dedicated with the blood of calves and goats. It was how the Old Testament was established, for the children of Israel made a blood covenant with God. Though, being that the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins, the sacrifices which the children of Israel offered for the atonement of their sins had to be done year by year (Leviticus 16:29-34, Hebrews 10:1-4).

It was therefore necessary for a sacrifice to be made wherein the shedding of blood could take away sins. Thus, Jesus Christ of Nazareth was sent into the world to take away the sin of the world, being the Lamb of God (Hebrews 10:7-10, John 1:29). And, as he was without sin and came from God, his blood was pure and precious (1 Peter 1:19), and thus could be shed for all mankind.

Matthew 26:27-28

"27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

The New Testament, which began on the day of Pentecost (as recorded in Acts 2), could not have been established without the death of Jesus and the shedding of his blood.

Now, the book of Mormon is purported to be another Testament of Jesus Christ. It must then be asked, how can there be another Testament when the scriptures declare that Jesus offered up himself **once** to bear the sins of many (Hebrews 9:26-28)?

For there to be another Testament of Jesus Christ, it would be necessary for Jesus to have died and shed his blood again for that testament to be established. But the scriptures declare that it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27), and also that Christ died once, not twice, and rose from the dead, who is now even at the right hand of God (Romans 6:10, 8:34).

Those who believe that there is another Testament of Jesus Christ have been greatly deceived and are yet in their sins. For with the establishment of the New Testament, the apostle Peter declared on the day of Pentecost the way of salvation:

Acts 2:38-39

"38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Any other testament is contradictory to the word of God and is in no wise of Jesus Christ.

God promised, as recorded in the law, that he would make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah (Jeremiah 31:31). Being that he spoke of a new covenant, he made the first old; which is now vanished away, being replaced by a better covenant (Hebrews 7:22, 8:6, 13). The old covenant (testament) was not replaced by multiple covenants (testaments). God only spoke of one new testament (not two),

that would replace the first one that he had before established with the children of Israel.

The book of Mormon, by its cover alone, having been tried by the word of God, is shown to not be of God and is in direct contradiction to God’s word. And if it be not of God, then it is of devils.

Galatians 1:8-9

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

1 Corinthians 10:20,21

20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Amen.